

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION

DOCTORS FOR A HEALTHY
MONTANA, a Montana Independent
Committee,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TIMOTHY FOX, in his official
capacity as Attorney General of
Montana; JEFFREY MANGAN, in his
official capacity as Montana
Commissioner of Political Practices,

Defendants.

CV 20-46-M-DLC

ORDER

Before the Court is the Motion for Preliminary Injunction of Plaintiff Doctors for a Healthy Montana. (Doc. 4.) In researching the issues raised in this motion, the Court has become aware that additional individuals have made contributions to the PAC, and that it no longer appears to be true that “a majority of [the PAC’s] contributors share a common employer.” Mont. Code Ann. § 13-37-210(1)(a)(ii). Thus, the Court is concerned that it lacks constitutional authority to decide this matter.

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants shall file a short response to this Order on or before Wednesday, May 6, 2020. The response shall not exceed 10 pages, and it shall address: (1) whether Defendants believe Plaintiff to be operating in violation

of Montana law such that a case or controversy exists; (2) whether the threat of enforcement gives Plaintiff standing to bring its claim; and (3) any other issue Defendants see relevant to the Court's jurisdiction.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file a response to this Order and Defendants' filing on or before Friday, May 8, 2020. Plaintiff's response shall not exceed 10 pages.

DATED this 4th day of May, 2020.



Dana L. Christensen, District Judge
United States District Court